

WSR 24-20-061
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-191—Filed September 25, 2024, 4:19 p.m., effective October 1, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: October 1, 2024.

Purpose: This emergency rule will close fishing around the temporary weir at Beaver Creek Hatchery when the weir rack is installed.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-312-030.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047.

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds that immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.

Reasons for this Finding: This emergency rule is necessary to close fishing around the temporary weir at Beaver Creek Hatchery when the weir rack is installed.

Installation and operation of the Beaver Creek hatchery weir is needed to support broodstock collection for hatchery programs and to minimize the number of hatchery origin spawners in the Elochoman River.

There is insufficient time to file permanent rules.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: September 25, 2024.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-03000X Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. Effective October 1 through December 31, 2024, the provisions of WAC 220-312-030 regarding Elochoman River fishing seasons shall be modified during times and in areas as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-030, not addressed herein, remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

Elochoman River (Wahkiakum Co.), from boundary markers posted approximately 200 feet downstream to boundary markers posted approximately 200 feet upstream of the temporary weir at Beaver Creek Hatchery:

All Species: Closed Waters while weir rack is installed in the river.